

TACTICAL SWITCHED SYSTEMS

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The SA is responsible for ensuring interoperability among switched systems within the DOD. These responsibilities apply to all switched system services to include configuration management, post deployment software support, fielding, testing, certification, and system upgrades. All systems managed, administered, acquired, operated, or used by the DOD components and Military Services are covered under this agreement. The responsibility was expanded to include packet (data) switched systems under the Integrated Tactical-to-Strategic Data Network program plan and embraced an additional tasking to be the single DOD point of contact for all switching issues: circuit, message, and packet. All new switch requests for proposal or enhancements are to be reviewed to ensure adequate testing and program/design reviews prior to industry release. Responsibility also includes ensuring that specifications for new switches or enhancements satisfy requirements validated by the Joint Staff and that proposed contracts are reviewed for continuity with the requests for proposal prior to award.

Responsible officials:

Secretariat: Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers

MACOM: Commander, U.S. Army Materiel Command